

Secrets of the Hidden Hand

Some behind-the-scenes ADL manipulations revealed by a man who knows.

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THE MOST closely guarded secret of the B'nai B'rith is the way it exercises control over its membership and forces recalcitrant Jews back into the fold.

Contrary to popular impression, this Jewish religious fraternal order is not just one big, happy family.

Despite the facade of unity and good will, in the shadows behind-the-scenes there are seething personal jealousies, bitter rivalries, spying and counter-spying in the covert, vicious struggle for power and dominance in the broad spectrum of organized Jewry.

Like their hated Semitic cousins, the Arabs, the Jews' natural competitive instincts and wits have been sharpened by squatting in the market-place for generations, haggling, bartering and cheating. Hence, even in moments of great crisis, it is not easy to induce the Jews to work together in a closely coordinated and highly efficient manner; while they may be in thorough agreement on objects, many stubbornly defiant Jews are prone to go off on a tangent and prematurely strike against the common enemy on their own instead of awaiting orders from the high command.

These impetuous acts have frequently proved embarrassing to the top strategists who have worked out an overall plan of operation.

Even in the decade of the 1930's, when European Jews were in mortal terror of Adolf Hitler, and all the Jews in the world united against the Third Reich, there was constant bickering and in-fighting among the Jews; panic-stricken Jews even accused their rabbis of ineptitude, and denounced Jewish financiers for not kicking in enough money for the counter-offensive against Hitler.

In the United States, the B'nai B'rith was in the vanguard to push the U.S. into war. "To unite persons of Jewish faith in the work of promoting their highest interest," is the stated objective in the preamble of the charter of the B'nai B'rith International Council.

Jewish Gestapo

In order to maintain its rigid disciplinary control, the B'nai B'rith set up its own Gestapo. It was headquartered in Chicago and was known by the innocuous title of "Research Unit." It was headed by Miles Goldberg, a squat, bald-headed, icy little character who was as ruthless as his counter-number, Heinrich Himmler.

By 1940, B'nai B'rith had an annual budget of \$50 million. Its subsidiary, the Anti-Defamation League, carried on a massive campaign of villification against isolationist members of Congress, and

engaged in clandestine sabotage, espionage, mayhem and "dirty tricks" against American nationalist groups that were fighting Communism. The ADL subsidized political candidates for public office—from dog-catcher to U.S. senator.

The ADL set up local chapters in every city of 20,000 or more. It set up advertising boycotts against every newspaper with a nationalist editorial policy. Most publishers, frightened by loss of advertising revenue, bowed in meek submission to the ADL.

Boycott Boomerang

But in one instance the boycott boomeranged. The Jewish merchants of Washington, D.C. cut their advertising in the *Washington Times-Herald* 50% because of the non-intervention policy of the paper.

Mrs. Eleanor Patterson, wealthy owner of the *Times-Herald* summoned to her office all the Jewish merchants and Rabbi Paul Richman, Director of the ADL. Mrs. Patterson announced: "I have spent a great deal of money and effort in collecting evidence about the vicious undercover activities of the ADL. I have decided to cut out all advertising in my paper and convert it into a tabloid and write the truth about you Jews."

Choking with emotion, Rabbi Richman pleadingly remonstrated against this projected "rash action" by Mrs. Patterson. He promised that he would stop the advertising boycott and restore full advertising in her paper if she would not expose the ADL. Mrs. Patterson agreed. But she continued to run editorials against U.S. intervention in the European war. Unfortunately, Mrs. Patterson was the only American publisher with the courage to stand up against the formidable power of B'nai B'rith during this critical period.



*To bear
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Virtually all the communication media were mobilized in a pro-war campaign by the B'nai B'rith. Phony front organizations were set up, including "Friends of Democracy" which was operated by the Rev. Leon Birkhead and his son, Kenneth M. Birkhead, the *Christian Defender* published by George Pagnanelli, and *Market Analyst* published by Sanford Griffith, and the National Gentile League headed by Donald Shea (who was unknowingly subsidized by the ADL).

Controlled Opposition

All of these organizations were owned and operated by undercover agents of the B'nai B'rith with the single exception of the National Gentile League which was operated by Don Shea, a sincere crackpot who was anonymously subsidized by the ADL.

Shea had applied for a patent for an axe handle which he called a "Kike Killer." Rabbi Richman, ADL director, decided it would be a good propaganda gimmick to keep Shea in whisky and funds. Shea was frequently castigated by Walter Winchell, Drew Pearson and Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of Interior. They all knew that Shea was a joke, but they built him up as a Nazi menace, who was organizing secret SS squads to kill Jews in the sixty largest cities

of the U.S.; they also used Shea as a tar brush to smear sincere patriots who were opposing Communism.

Rabbi Richman was so delighted with Shea's flamboyant anti-semitic activities that he said he would like to meet Shea and shake his hand.

To add publicity mileage, the ADL arranged through Lt. Gen. Hugh Drummond, Commander of the Eastern Coast Defense Command, to have Shea "relocated" from Washington to Chicago, presumably to prevent him from sabotaging the Eastern continental military defense.

Shea's wife worked for the Social Security Board in Washington. The SSB obligingly transferred her to its Chicago field office. A Jewish dentist, employed on a contract basis by the Federal Relocation Authority, fixed Mr. Shea's teeth (at the taxpayers' expense, of course). The Relocation Authority also paid Shea a small monthly stipend after he was "relocated" in Chicago, having been forcibly removed from his "regular place of employment." He continued to receive his *sub rosa* donations from the ADL so he could pursue his anti-Jewish activities, which consisted of writing insulting letters to prominent Jews and occasional speeches in parks.

Patriots Smeared

Rabbi Richman's undercover agents spied on non-interventionist members of Congress and leaked stories to the press about their "secret links" with pro-Nazi subversives. He instigated harassing investigations by carrying trumped-up charges against prominent patriots to his pal, Alex Rosen, FBI Assistant Director in charge of the Domestic Intelligence Division, FBI.

One of Rabbi Richman's stool pigeons in the Office of War Information, David Katz (alias Karr), was forced to resign when the House

UnAmerican Activities Committee exposed the fact that Katz had formerly been a by-line writer for the Communist *Daily Worker*.

The Rabbi promptly got Katz a job as an assistant to gutter columnist Drew Pearson. Richman also got Pearson to employ another one of his agents, Andy Older, who was later exposed as a member of the Washington Communist newspaper cell. When Pearson's friends in the Justice Department tipped him off that Older's FBI file had leaked to the House UnAmerican Activities Committee and that Older was in imminent danger of being exposed, Pearson asked Older to either resign or give up his Communist Party affiliations. Older resigned.

Later, Older framed J. Parnell Thomas, Chairman of the UnAmerican Activities Committee, on a phony kick-back charge. He got Pearson to run an expose and demand prosecution. Thomas was convicted and sentenced to serve a year in prison.

Rabbi Richman was so zealous in carrying on his devious undercover projects that he ran into open conflict with the undercover activities of top Jewish Gestapo Chief, Miles Goldberg, who had Richman summoned before the Council of the B'nai B'rith and charged with interfering with operations of the overall plan.

Richman was chastised and ordered to clear through proper channels in instigating Federal investigations and prosecutions. The rabbi was an eager beaver who wanted to put everybody in jail, including Colonel Robert R. McCormick, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*, but the rabbi's federal Grand Jury probe of McCormick had boomeranged.

Prince of a Fellow

Despite a severe reprimand, Richman continued his covert schemes.

Finally, the B'nai B'rith had to put a top man in Washington to control all its far-flung activities. His name was Frank Prince, who had been a big time racketeer in Chicago during the bootlegging era. Prince had once been charged with murdering his wife—among other things. Prince leased a spacious mansion in a secluded area next to Rock Creek Park. Here, nightly conferences were held, attended by important Jews both in and out of the Government. Prince's personal bodyguards roamed the secluded area to make sure there was no surveillance except their own.

On one occasion, Frank Prince remarked: "That damned fool,

Rabbi Richman would mess us up if I didn't keep my heel on his neck all the time. We can't fire him because he has a big following among the little, dumb Jews."

Richman, however, attained one singular achievement thereafter. He pulled the strings to get his friend, Dr. Albert Einstein, a secret interview with FDR. Einstein persuaded Roosevelt to spend \$1 billion to develop the atomic bomb for the purpose of utterly destroying Germany.

Later, both Richman and Einstein regretted their promotion of the atomic bomb when Germany capitulated before it could be annihilated.

Are We Worthy of America?

BY BETTY KNOWLES HUNT

My argument against Socialism is that America already has the best economic and political system yet devised, and that this is proven by her glorious record—and not in a paper blueprint. America did not become the breadbasket, the factory, the bank and the hope of the world by following the wrong systems or believing in the wrong principles.

American capitalism has never failed; only some of our human capitalists have failed. Whenever a free-enterpriser achieves his own goal, and then attempts to shut the door of opportunity behind him, or to choke off the free play of competition around him, then he has cheated his own system.

Whenever individuals or groups in America use political power to gain advantage at the expense of others, then such persons or groups are undermining the structure of our Republic, and the results will be evil.

Whenever an American acquires wealth or power—and then fails to be a good and honest steward of these benefits—then he not only denies the principles of America, he denies the principles of Christianity.

The only answer is for all of us to educate ourselves to the responsibilities as well as to the benefits of freedom. Perhaps as a people, we are not morally strong enough to be free. If that is so then we shall certainly lose our freedom, and it will not matter much what "ism" supplants Americanism. But this will not prove that our free way of life was not the best way. It will only prove that we were not worthy of it.

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